

HCS HB 540 -- SENIOR SERVICES PROGRAM

SPONSOR: Lichtenegger

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Insurance Policy by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill establishes the "Senior Services Growth and Development Program" within the Department of Health and Senior Services to provide additional funding for senior services through area agencies on aging. Beginning January 1, 2018, the Director of the Department of Revenue must deposit 2.5% of the premium tax collected from certain insurance companies and associations, excluding any moneys statutorily-mandated to be transferred to the State School Moneys Fund and excluding the cost of collection, in the "Senior Services Growth and Development Program Fund." This will increase to 5% beginning January 1, 2019. The moneys collected must be placed in a special fund in the State Treasury and the Department of Health and Senior Services must disburse the funds to the area agencies on aging. The bill requires all area agencies to report annually to the Department of Health and Senior Services, the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration, and the General Assembly on the distribution and use of the funds.

This bill is similar to SB 192 (2017).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill will provide additional funding for senior services through area agencies on aging.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Lichtenegger; Ron Clark, Missouri Silver Haired Legislature; VOYCE; and Catherine R Edwards, Missouri Association of Area Agencies on Aging.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.